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Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street, SW
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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1074X, Lassen Valley Railway LLC – Petition for Abandonment Exemption in Washoe County, NV and Lassen County, CA

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject docket. The Board of Supervisors of Lassen County, California, on behalf of its citizens, respectfully requests that Lassen Valley Railway, LLC (LVR) be denied its petition for abandonment exemption.

It is the County's opinion that the information, facts and summary of events presented in the subject docket are a fair and accurate representation of the history of the railway and LVR's original agreement. LVR has met the intent and terms of that agreement.

The County's request for denial is based on its expectations that an industrial use for the line in the foreseeable future will be developed. Due in part to the economic challenges in California since the LVR purchase, an industrial base in the area has not yet developed; however, the County remains confident that the area in the immediate vicinity of the railway is a logical choice to support additional industrial activity resulting in demand for rail transportation. The County continues to vigorously pursue this development.

Further, Lassen County appreciates the owner's expression of their commitment to leave the existing five trestles and the right-of-way in place and intact. This action is absolutely critical to the community as we examine our options to use the existing right-of-way for important public uses and benefits in the future.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Chapman".
JIM CHAPMAN, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

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